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PADSTOW PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Padstow Port Health Authority for 1952:-

SECTION 1. STAFF.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Any other Appointments.
REED. J.	M.O.H.	1.10.50.	M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc.,D.P.H.	M.O.H. Bodmin, Padstow, Wadebridge. A.C.M.O. Health Area No.5. Cornwall.
BULLER.A.F.	Sanitary Inspector.	1.1.51 - 30.9.52.	A.R.S.I.	Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.Padstow Urban.
SHARPE.A.M.	Sanitary Inspector.	31.10.52.	M.I.M.E. M.R.San.I. M.I.H.E.	Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.Padstow Urban.

SECTION 11.

TABLE B.

Ships From.	No.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected. M.O.H.	Number Inspected. S.I.	Number Defective.
Foreign Ports.	-	-	-	-	-
Coastwise.	23	3528	-	-	-
Total.	23	3528	-	-	-

In addition trawlers, French crabbers and yachts used the harbour during the appropriate seasons.

SECTION 111.

Character of Shipping.

No passenger traffic was carried during the year.

Cargo traffic consisted mainly of coal and fertilisers, the latter from Antwerp and Rotterdam.

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SECTION 5.

Water Supply.

Ten hydrants are established round the port. The supply is from mains of the Padstow U.D.C, all samples of which during the year were bacteriologically satisfactory.

SECTION 6.

Public Health (Ships) Regulations,52.

The traffis is essentially coastwise and the authority is not involved with procedures adopted for the control of 'Foreign going' ships. There is no direct connection by radio between ships and the port. There are no mooring stations and no facilities for the examination of sick or suspected persons. Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases other than Smallpox is available in the Truro Isolation Hospital. Cleansing and disinfection of ships would be those facilities normally available to the Padstow Urban District.

SECTION 7.

Smallpox.

Accommodation is available for smallpox cases at Swilly Isolation Hospital, Plymouth, using their own ambulance transport. Laboratory facilities in this connection are available through the Public Health Laboratory Service in Truro and Exeter.

SECTION 9.

There were no infectious diseases notified during the year.

SECTION 12.

The port is not an 'approved port'. The services of the Rodent operative of the Padstow Urban District Council are available to the Authority.

SECTION 14.

All shell fish layings in the port's area are subject to heavy pollution but shell fish are not gathered for re-sale.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN REED.

Medical Officer of Health.